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- 1. WE NOTE THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME DISCREPANCY
 BETWEEN SIGNALS BEING SENT BY FOREIGN DELEGATIONS IN NEW
 YORK AND GENEVA CONCERNING LONG'S PROPOSAL RELATING TO 1974
 SURPLUS (SEE REFTELS A AND E). COULD GENEVA CONFIRM THAT
 GATT DELS ARE SPEAKING ON INSTRUCTIONS OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS?
- 2. UNLESS THE SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES ISSUE IS RESOLVED IN JUNE 2 COUNCIL MEETING, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE LATEST READING OF POSITIONS FROM A POLL OF KEY AND OTHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INFLUENTIAL DELS ON THE SPOT IN GENEVA, WHERE ACTION CONCERNING THIS ISSUE MUST TAKE PLACE.

3. THIS POLL SHOULD BE WITH RESPECT TO WHERE THEY COME OUT

ON (A) THE 1974 SURPLUS AND (B) THE PROPOSAL OF A SET ACCOUNTING RATE OF SWFR 2.98 TO THE DOLLAR.

4. FOR JUNE 2 COUNCIL MEETING, AS CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE ON ACCOUNTING RATE, U.S. DEL SHOULD FOLLOW SAME GUIDANCE AS

FOR 1974 SURPLUS; I.E., WHEN CONSENSUS IS EVIDENT, STATE IN GATT COUNCIL THAT USG IS OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO TURNING OVER SURPLUS TO GATT EMPLOYEES AND TO INSTITUTING SET ACCOUNTING RATE, BUT WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO BLOCK CONSENSUS.

- 5. IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT ACCOUNTING RATE PROPOSAL INVOLVES THE UN COMMON SYSTEM USDEL SHOULD ASSURE THAT IN ANY DISCUSSION OF LONG'S IN COUNCIL INFORMATION SHOULD BE OBTAINED FROM SECRETARIAT AS TO (1) WHETHER THE UN SYG HAS COMMENTED ON THE PROPOSALS AND, IF SO WHAT THOSE COMMENTS WERE, AND (2) WHETHER THE PROPOSALS WERE PRESENTED TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION AND IF SO, WHAT THE REACTION WAS. (FYI SEE USUN 1807 END FYI)
- 6. AS WITH RESPECT TO THE SURPLUS, REST OF REFTEL (C) REMAINS IN EFFECT.
- 7. GUIDANCE ON VARIOUS OTHER MATTERS REQUESTED REFTEL (B) BEING FURNISHED IN SEPTELS. INGERSOLL

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